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BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

FPPC No: 10/070

ABEL MALDONADO, ABEL
MALDONADO FOR SENATE,
CHRISTOPHER J. RAYMER and,
CHRIS STEINBRUNER
Respondents.

STIPULATION, DECISION, and
ORDER

Complainant Roman G. Porter, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, and Respondents Abel Maldonado, Abel Maldonado for Senate, Christopher J. Raymer, and Chris Steinbruner hereby agree that this Stipulation will be submitted for consideration by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The parties agree to enter into this Stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised by this matter and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to determine the liability of Respondents.

Respondents understand, and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive, any and all procedural rights set forth in Sections 83115.5, 11503 and 11523 of the Government Code, and in Sections 18361.1 through 18361.9 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the right to personally appear at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to be represented by an attorney at Respondents' own expense, to confront and cross-

1 examine all witnesses testifying at the hearing, to subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, to
2 have an impartial administrative law judge preside over the hearing as a hearing officer, and to
3 have the matter judicially reviewed.

4 It is further stipulated and agreed that Respondents violated the Political Reform Act by
5 failing to file late contribution reports, in violation of Government Code section 84203,
6 subdivisions (a) and (b) (2 Counts); by failing to file online campaign reports disclosing
7 contributions of \$1,000 or more received during an election cycle, in violation of Government
8 Code section 85309, subdivision (a) (8 Counts); and by failing to file online reports disclosing
9 contributions of \$5,000 or more received outside the election cycle, in violation of Government
10 Code section 85309, subdivision (c) (4 Counts); as described in Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 is attached
11 hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and
12 accurate summary of the facts in this matter.

13 Respondents agree to the issuance of the Decision and Order, which is attached hereto.
14 Respondents also agree to the Commission imposing upon them an administrative penalty in the
15 amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000). A cashier's check from Respondents in
16 said amount, made payable to the "General Fund of the State of California," is submitted with
17 this Stipulation as full payment of the administrative penalty, and shall be held by the State of
18 California until the Commission issues its Decision and Order regarding this matter. The parties
19 agree that in the event the Commission refuses to accept this Stipulation, it shall become null and
20 void, and within fifteen (15) business days after the Commission meeting at which the
21 Stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered by Respondents in connection with this Stipulation
22 shall be reimbursed to Respondents. Respondents further stipulate and agree that in the event the
23 Commission rejects the Stipulation, and a full evidentiary hearing before the Commission
24 becomes necessary, neither any member of the Commission, nor the Executive Director, shall be
25 disqualified because of prior consideration of this Stipulation.

1 Dated: _____

Roman G. Porter, Executive Director
Fair Political Practices Commission

5 Dated: _____

Abel Maldonado, individually and on behalf of
Abel Maldonado for Senate, Respondents

8 Dated: _____

Christopher J. Raymer, individually and on behalf
of Abel Maldonado for Senate, Respondents

11 Dated: _____

Chris Steinbruner, individually and on behalf
of Abel Maldonado for Senate, Respondents

15 **DECISION AND ORDER**

16 The foregoing Stipulation of the parties “In the Matter of Abel Maldonado, Abel
17 Maldonado for Senate, Christopher J. Raymer, and Chris Steinbruner, FPPC No.10/070,”
18 including all attached Exhibits, is hereby accepted as the final Decision and Order of the Fair
19 Political Practices Commission, effective upon execution below by the Chairman.
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21 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

24 Dated: _____

Ann Ravel, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission